

# Ross Battles Maumee Here Monday In Finals Of Class AA District

NORTH ROBINSON, O. — A 4-3 come-from-behind victory over Marion Harding here Friday puts Fremont Ross in the District finals of Class AA baseball.

Ross, record now 4-0, takes on Maumee, Toledo area pre-District champion, in the District final at

4 p.m. Monday at Fremont's Anderson Field. Winner advances to the Lima Class AA Regional next Friday and Saturday.

Maumee probably will use fireballing right-hander Chuck Wagner on the mound. During tourney play in the Toledo area,

he hurled a no-hitter against Libbey and beat DeVilbiss in the finals.

Coach Cot Marquette probably will use Dick Dundore, senior left-hander, as his starter.

Dundore relieved Ross starter and winner Denny Ohm, junior right-hander, with a Marion runner on second and nobody out, Ross ahead 4-3, and preserved the District semifinal triumph for Ross yesterday.

Ohm was touched for three runs in the opening inning on a walk, infield hit, sacrifice and singles by Wolf and Larry Imbody. He settled down after that to pitch hitless ball until the sixth. Ohm was in trouble in the third but worked his way out.

Rog Rankin led off the Marion seventh with a double down the left field line, the fifth hit off Ohm. Marquette summoned Dundore from right field, the left having hurled a full game Thursday in beating Tiffin Calvert.

A key fielding play by Dundore damaged the Marion rally. Dundore pounced on a bunt try and nailed Rankin trying to go to third, Jackie White making the tag. Then the southpaw got a pinch-hitter on a fly ball and lead-off batter Ernie Robinson on a pop up to second baseman Maury Gnepper.

Marion right-hander Jack McGraw held Ross in check most of the game but shaky support lost him the game in the fourth.

## All In Fourth

Ross scored all its runs in the fourth. After one out, Dan Moran walked. Gnepper drilled a single to center. Dundore grounded to short, Gnepper barely nipped on a force out and Moran advancing to third. With two out, Denny Stine doubled down the left field line bringing in Moran, Dundore moving to third. White hit a roller to second base, Larry Sims of Marion tossing wide to first, Dundore and Stine scoring on the two-base error. Chuck Hufford singled into center field, Marion's Wolf letting the ball roll through him for an error, White coming all the way home with what proved to be the winning run.

Hufford, a lefty swinger, had three straight hits against Tiffin and singled his first two times up against Marion for 5-for-5. On his last trip to the plate against Marion, he almost beat out a slow roller past the pitcher but McGraw just managed to tag on him.

Ohm struck out four, walked one. McGraw fanned 10, walked three. Ross threatened with the bases loaded in the sixth but failed to score.

Marion (3)			Fremont (4)		
	ab	r h		ab	r h
Robinson, rf	3	1 0	Moran, cf	2	1 0
Bush, ss	2	1 1	Gnepper, 2b	4	0 1
Merchant, 3b	2	0 1	Dundore, rf, p	3	1 1
Sims, 2b	3	0 0	Stine, c	3	1 1
Wolf, 2b	3	1 1	White, 3b	3	1 0
Imbody, 1b	3	0 1	Hufford, lf, rf	3	0 2
Rankin, c	3	0 1	Stout, ss	3	0 1
Laeta, lf	2	0 0	Ripple, 1b	2	0 0
a-Jacox	1	0 0	Ohm, p	3	0 1
McGraw, p	2	0 0	Edwards, lf	0	0 0
b-Maynard	1	0 0			
	25	3 5		26	4 7

a—Reached base on fielder's choice for Laeta in 7th.

b—Filed out for McGraw in 7th.

Score by Innings:

Marion ..... 300 000 0—3 5 2  
Ross ..... 004 000 x—4 7 1

Errors—Stine, Wolf, Ripple. Runs batted in—Stine, Wolf 2, Imbody. Doubles—Dundore, Stine, Rankin. Struck out by—Ohm 4, McGraw 10. Walked by Ohm 1, McGraw 3. Hits off Ohm—5 for 3 runs in 6 innings. Hits off Dundore—0 for 0 runs in 1 inning. Hits off McGraw—7 for 4 runs in 6 innings. Winning pitcher—Ohm (2-0). Losing Pitcher—McGraw. Umpires—Wislner (P), Hipsher (B).